

## I. INTRODUCTION

This written directive establishes guidelines for the maintenance, revision, and formalization of the many forms the Department utilizes both internally and externally (distributed to the public).

## II. TERMINOLOGY

- A. **Administrative Forms** Forms developed for a specific purpose within an element/unit or are division specific. These forms are identified with a 5000 series form number and are intended to be used as an administrative aid, not department wide use.
  - 1. These forms must be approved by the affected Bureau Commander or their designee prior to use.
  - 2. These forms are not stocked at the Supply Section and are available upon request only.
- B. **Permanent Forms** Forms which are used continuously and are considered necessary to the overall function of the department. The forms are identified by a 1-1000 series form number.
  - 1. These forms must be approved by the Executive Committee prior to use department wide.
  - 2. These forms are typically printed and stored at the Supply Section or located within the Word Templates folder.
- C. **Temporary Forms** Forms which are needed for a short time only and will be printed on a one time/event basis. These forms are identified with a 3000 series form number.
  - 1. These forms must be approved by the affected Bureau Commander prior to use.

2. Extended use of these forms may require transition to a permanent or an administrative form.

## III. GUIDELINES

- A. To ensure all forms utilized by members are professionally written, formatted, translated, and maintained, the following guidelines will be strictly adhered to:
  - 1. Annually an inventory list of approved forms (form title and form number) will be forwarded by the Research and Development Division (RADD) to each Bureau.
    - a. Each Bureau will conduct an audit of all forms utilized within their elements. Administrative forms should be revised as necessary. RADD may be utilized as a resource in the revision of these forms.
    - b. Bureau Commanders or their designee will ensure electronic copies of all element/unit specific forms (with or without a department form number) are on file with the RADD.
  - 2. Any form being utilized but not on the inventory list will be forwarded (in paper and electronic format) to the RADD to either maintain on file or assign a department form number.
  - 3. A response should be received by RADD no later than 60 calendar days after receipt of the inventory list.
- B. Revisions or Establishment of a New Form
  - 1. Permanent forms utilized department wide (internal or external)
    - a. If revisions are needed to a form with a department form number or there is a need to establish a new form, a Memorandum, an email, or an Interdepartment Communication, Form 191 P.D. will be submitted through the chain of command to the RADD and contain the following information:
      - (1) Why the form is needed.
      - (2) Distribution required, (e.g., distribution to the public).
      - (3) Pertinent information on the development/revision of the form.
      - (4) If the form is to be utilized in conjunction with a grant.

- b. Once the revisions have been completed or the form has been created:
  - (1) The form will be sent to the originating requestor for review.
  - (2) It will be the responsibility of the requestor to submit the revised or new form through the chain of command to the Executive Committee.
  - (3) Once approval is received from Executive Committee, the RADD will release the form on Word Templates or forward it to the Supply Section for printing and distribution.
- 2. Administrative forms Members will submit an email to the RADD with the form revisions or requirements for the establishment of a new form to include formatting and possible translation needs.
  - a. RADD will revise or create the form and send it back to the requesting member for approval through their division.
  - b. Once approval is received from the Bureau Commander, RADD will release the form on Word Templates or forward it to the Supply Section for printing and distribution.

## C. Discontinuing Forms

- 1. Permanent forms (department wide) A memorandum submitted through the chain of command to the Executive Committee for review and approval. Executive Committee approval must be received through the chain of command to the RADD.
- 2. Administrative or Temporary forms A memorandum or email submitted through the chain of command to the RADD with the following information:
  - a. Form title and number.
  - b. Reason for discontinuing the form.
  - c. Approval for discontinuing from the affected Bureau Commander.
- D. The Supply Section will be responsible for the printing and distribution of the forms not released electronically, (e.g., two-part carbonless forms).

E.	RADE	RADD Responsibilities				
	1.	Maintain all administrative, permanent, and temporary forms.				
	2.	Conduct reviews of the forms with department form numbers:				
		a. As requested by affected elements/units.				
		b.	b. Relative to written directives under revision.			
	3.	Initiate the process of translating forms into other languages.				
	4.	Maintain a file of all department forms by name and form number.				
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